

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

Frank H. Murkowski, Governor

NEWS RELEASE

Marilyn Stewart-Richardson, Program Director, at (907-269-7985)

fax: 907-269-8125

www.commerce.state.ak.us

For Immediate Release: July 27, 2005

Free workshops for prospective small business owners

(Anchorage, July 27, 2005) A series of free workshops for Alaskans interested in becoming business owners are scheduled to take place over the next few months in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai and the Mat-Su. Topics include: access to capital, training and counseling, government contracting, available resources for start-up businesses and information on how to write a business plan.

Anchorage:

August 2, APU, Grant Hall, 6-8 p.m. November 1, APU, Grant Hall, 6-8 p.m.

Fairbanks

Sept. 13, North Star Borough Library, 6-8 p.m. November 8, North Star Borough Library, 6-8 p.m.

Juneau

August 4, Centennial Hall, 6-8 p.m. October 4, Centennial Hall, 6-8 p.m.

Kenai

September 7, Borough Assembly Room, 6-8 p.m. October 12, Borough Assembly Room, 6-8 p.m.

Matanuska Susitna Borough

August 16, Matanuska Susitna College, 6-8 p.m. September 27, Matanuska Susitna College, 6-8 p.m. October 25, Matanuska Susitna College, 6-8 p.m.

The workshops are made possible by the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development in cooperation with the Small Business Administration, the Small Business Development Center, Anchorage National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, YWCA, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and the Office of U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski.

For more information, please contact Marilyn Stewart-Richardson, Program Director, at (907-269-7985)

###